



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Mail Stop: RCE**  
Kazuhiro OHKOUCHI et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2004\_0494  
Serial No. 10/810,898 : Group Art Unit 1615  
Filed March 29, 2004 : Examiner Jyothsna A. Venkat  
**QUICKLY DISINTEGRATING SOLID PREPARATIONS** : **Confirmation No. 1097**

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**PRELIMINARY REMARKS**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the concurrent filing of an RCE and the following remarks.

The Official Action dated December 19, 2006 stated that the Applicants' Rule 132 Declaration filed on September 19, 2006 is insufficient to overcome the rejection of claims 12-13 and 33 because:

- "1. Examples 2-4 recite only particle size of 45 microns (see page 2 of the Declaration).
2. Examples 2-4 do not recite particle size of 130 microns. This is also true for example
8. There is no particle diameter of 130 microns in example 8 (see page 2 of the Declaration).
3. Examples 5-7 do not recite particle size of 130 microns (see page 2 of the Declaration).
4. Examples 10-12 and 14-15 recite large particle size and the particle size mentioned at page 2 of the Declaration correspond to sugar alcohols that are pulverized. None of the claims recite that the sugar alcohols are pulverized.